(a) the names of the places where the ONGC and IOC have undertaken survey to find out a new crude oil reserves during the years 1998-99 and 1999-2000.

(b) the names and number of places where they have succeeded in finding the oil reserves; and

(c) how much quantity of oil will be extracted from the new oil reserves alongwith the names of the places where the work has been started?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI E. PONNUSWAMY): (a) Indian Oil Corporation Ltd. (IOC) has not undertaken any survey to find out new crude oil reserve during 1998-99 and 1999-2000.

ONGC has conducted surveys in its operational areas to find out new hydrocarbons reserves in the following basins during 1998-2000:—

Cambay Basin, Rajasthan Basin, Upper Assam, Assam Arakan Fold Belt, Himalayan Foot Hills, Vindhyan Basin, Satpura Basin, Damodar, Krishna-Godavari Basin, Cauvery Basin, East Coast Offshore Basin, West Coast Offshore Basin.

(b) and (c) During 1998-2000, ONGC had made 14 oil and gas finds out of which 6 are oil finds. ONGC has established 1.12 MMT of ultimate oil reserves from these new finds, which are at different stages of delineation and development.

Petrol pumps in Kangra district of Himachal Pradesh

4979. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Petrol Pumps existing in Kangra district of Himachal Pradesh;

(b) the number of such Pumps in operation in Tehsil palampur and Jaisinghpur Tehsils, functioning separately;

(c) the number of such Pumps functioning in rest of Kangra district; and

(d) what is the criteria for providing Petrol Pumps in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI E. PONNUSWAMY): (a) to (c) At present there are 21 retail outlet dealerships functioning in Kangra district of Himachal Pradesh, of which there are 2 retail outlets in Tehsil Palampur and one retail outlet in Tehsil Jaisinghpur.

(d) Oil companies conduct survey for identifying economically viable locations as per Volume Distance Norms from time to time. Locations found feasible are included in the Marketing plan for setting up retail outlet dealerships. Locations included in the marketing plans are advertised by the oil marketing companies and selection is made through Dealer Selection Boards.

Suggestion on the Functioning of Oil Selection Board

4980. SHRI K.M. KHAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that his Ministry had issued a letter No. P-19011/3/94-IOC dated 9th June, 1994 giving advise to Oil Selection Boards relating to their procedure;

(b) if so, whether Government would place the said letter on the table of the House;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) the details of the selections made by the different Oil Selection Boards from 9th June, 1994 to 20th March, 1996 which are adversely affected by this Ministry's letter; and

(e) the detailed list of all the aforesaid adversely affected selections?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI E. PONNUSWAMY): (a) to (e) a copy of the guidelines issued under this Ministry's letter No. P-19011/3/94- IOC dated 9th June, 1994, is given in the enclosed statement. (*See* below)

After the issue of the guidelines on 9.6.94, Oil Companies and the Oil Selection Boards were required to follow these guidelines.